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SUBJECT: LEBANESE REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 94202 (NOTAL)

B. BEIRUT 5588 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST AND CONCERN REFTELS AND OTHER MESSAGES REGARDING SHOWDOWN AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FEDAYEEN AND GOL AND WE ARE READY TO DO WHAT WE CAN WITH GOI TO TRANQUILLIZE SITUATION. WE WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S THOUGHTS ON CONTINGENCY ACTIONS WHICH IRANIANS COULD TAKE TO DISCOURAGE IRAQI INTERVENTION (PARA 3 REF A). MEANWHILE WE TEND TO DOUBT IRAQ WOULD SEE FIT TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN LEBANON PARTLY BECAUSE OF (A) DISTANCE FROM IRAQ OF HOSTILITIES AND CONSEQUENT DIFFICULTY OF INTERVENING EFFECTIVELY, AND (B) IRAQI PREOCCUPA-
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TION WITH WHAT SEEMS TO BE OVERLY SUPERIOR IRANIAN MILITARY FORCES WHICH WOULD MAKE IRAQIS THINK MORE THAN TWICE BEFORE INTERVENING ON BEHALF OF FEDAYEEN IN LEBANON.

2. WE BELIEVE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MERIT TO BRINGING GOI FULLY INTO PICTURE ON DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE LEBANESE SITUATION. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS WE PROPOSE COMPARE NOTES ON CURRENT LEBANESE SITUATION AT HIGH LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ELICIT VIEWS OF GOI.

3. NOTE: RESPONSE TO REF A NOT RECEIVED UNTIL MORNING MAY 19 BECAUSE OUR COMMUNICATIONS CLOSED DOWN FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS AND IT TAKES NIACT IMMEDIATE TO OPEN THEM.
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